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RUMANIA SPEEDS TRANSPORT RECOVERY;  
RAILROAD PACT SIGNED

SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED BY RATA -- Libertatea, No 1327, 15 Jan 49

In fulfilling the 1949 Economic Plan, RATA (State Monopoly of Automotive Transportation) will extend the rural network from 10,200 kilometers to 12,000 kilometers. The number of autobuses will be increased 57 percent; trucks 24 percent. By use of the additional equipment, the numbers of riders can be increased 40 percent (in total, 220 million) and the tonnage of freight 301 percent (in total, 288,000 tons) over 1948.

The following new lines will be put into operation: (1) Constanta-Eguru Voda, 54 km; (2) Slatina-Sarbi-Balanest--Danessa--Duin, 58 km; (3) Corabia-Islaz-Stonenest--Carasal, 46 km; (4) R. Sarat-Jirdau, 28 km; (5) R. Sarat-Valea Larga 30 km; (6) Barlad-Floresti, 36 km; (7) V. Dornei-Borosa-Viseu, 85 km; (8) Reghin-Monor-Bistrita, 60 km; (9) Reghin-Chiurghiul-Lapusna, 27 km; (10) Zimnicea-Turmul Magurele, 53 km.

NEW AUTOBUS LINES ADDED -- Universal, No 33, 10 Feb 49

The Administration of Transportation by Motor Vehicle (RATA) has just put 13 new lines in operation: Targul Jiu-Monesti, Tulcea-Smarandeni Nov, Craiova-Dobriceni, Craiova-Argostia, Tulcea-Jurilova, Iadova-Beins-Vascan, Bucharest-Gratia, Bucharest-Tariceni, Dej-Targul Lupus, Dej-Garban, Baia Mare-Cuas-Targus, Sighet-Sacel, Dej-Gherla-Ciochia.

NEW BRIDGE BUILT IN RAMNICU-SARAT--- Scantia, No 1336, 28 Jan 49

A new reinforced-concrete bridge has been built on Alexander Vishuta Street in Kaniou-Sarat. Work was performed entirely by voluntary labor and the new bridge has reduced traffic hazards. The old wooden bridge was very dilapidated and a menace to safety.

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BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED IN TARNAVA-MARE JUDET Scanteia, No 1344, 6 Feb 49

Through voluntary labor of the inhabitants of Soard Commune, Tarnava-Mare Judet, a bridge has been built over a valley near the town of Soard. Cost of the bridge has been estimated at 470,000 lei, but the actual cost was only 60,000 lei for material. Voluntary labor saved 410,000 lei.

RAILROAD AGREEMENTS RATIFIED BY ROMANIA AND BULGARIA -- Scanteia, No 1320, 9 Jan 49

M. Profiri, Romanian Minister of Communications, and Boris Manolov, Bulgarian Ambassador, signed the ratification of the agreements on railroad and boat traffic between the two countries. Both signatories spoke of the future construction of a bridge over the Danube River.

ASSEMBLY PLANT CONSTRUCTED -- Viata Sindicala, No 407, 8 Jan 49

At "Unic" Railroad Car Foundry in Satu Mare, a new plant for assembly and repair of railroad cars, and a new foundry have been built. The assembly plant can repair or assemble 10 or 12 cars simultaneously. The car foundry was almost completely destroyed by retreating fascist troops, and only since nationalization has extensive rebuilding been undertaken.

CARLOADINGS EXCEED JANUARY QUOTA -- Scanteia, No 1341, 3 Feb 49; Libertatea, No 1341, 2 Feb 49

Railroad carloadings for January were 9 percent above quota. At the same time, transit time for freight cars was reduced 19 percent, from 7.5 days to 6.1 days.

Carloadings for the month of January amounted to 136,202, a 9 percent increase over the planned quota of 124,310.

DAM ON BERIVOI RIVER REBUILT -- Scanteia, No 1316, 5 Jan 49

The dam on the Berivoi River at the Nitramonia-Explozivi Plant in Iagaras was broken by floods. Hydraulic engineers, aided by workers and technicians of the plant, rebuilt the dam in 40 days instead of 75 days and realized important savings.

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